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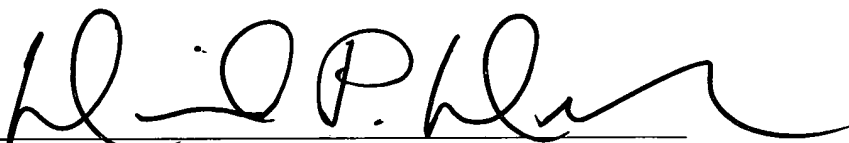
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To date, no Office Action has been received for the above-referenced application since the filing date of **July 25, 2003**, and Applicant hereby requests communication from the Patent Office as to whether any intervening communications have been made and, if not, when some action on the part of the Patent Office would reasonably be expected. Applicant previously filed a Status Inquiry in the U.S. Patent Office on October 20, 2004, and received a status response on January 14, 2005 from the U.S. Patent Office (copy attached), stating that the application would be examined in 4 to 7 months; however, Applicant has not received any communications from the U.S. Patent Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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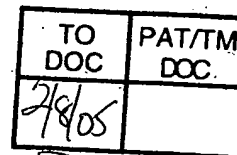
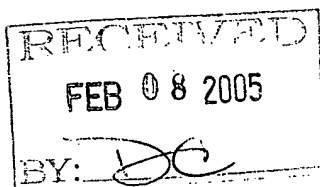
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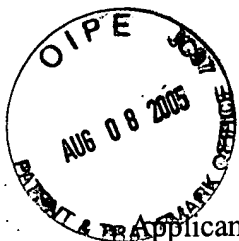
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